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by deleting from the caption the words "Advisory Panel" and by substituting instead the words "advisory panel" (lower case).

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the body of the resolution following the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich natural bounty of more than 13 million acres of renewable forest land that provides jobs for over 60,000 Tennesseans in the forest industry; contributes over four billion dollars to Tennessee's economy; provides diverse outdoor recreational opportunities and scenic beauty that significantly contributes to the tourist industry of Tennessee; and supports a wide range of natural resource benefits including clean water, wildlife threatened and endangered species habitat, and unique natural and cultural features; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, manages a system of 13 state forests containing approximately 154,300 acres for multiple forest resource purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Forestry Commission was established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1984 and appointed by the Governor to place first and foremost the welfare of the state's forest resources in the commission's planning and decisions; and

WHEREAS, there is some public perception that the long-term sustainability of Tennessee's forests is at risk, based in part on the expanding public demand for wood fiber, and increased competition to utilize forestland for other purposes including residential, commercial and industrial development; and

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WHEREAS, there is considerable debate over the appropriateness and sustainability of certain management techniques and silvicultural practices on Tennessee forestlands, and this creates an opportunity to bring differing interest groups together to acknowledge divergent views and varied interests, and to recommend policy and operational programs to promote forest sustainability and sound stewardship on Tennessee forestlands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a forest management advisory panel (hereinafter referred to as the "Advisory Panel") be established for the purpose of evaluating and recommending appropriate policy and programs that promote forest sustainability and sound stewardship of all Tennessee forestlands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall consist of participants who represent a comprehensive range of interests in Tennessee's forest resources through representatives to be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of this resolution from each of the following organizations: Tennessee Forestry Association, Sierra Club, Tennessee Conservation League, Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Forest Defense Council, Save our State Forests, Tennessee Environmental Council, Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts, Society of American Foresters, Save Our Cumberland Mountains, Hardwood Manufacturers Association, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, National Hardwood Lumber

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Association, Nature Conservancy, Forest Landowners Association, Tennessee Woodland Landowners Association, Wildlife Society, Soil Conservation Society, Environmental Action Fund, American Forest and Paper Association, Tennessee Association of Business, Tennessee Association of County Executives, Tennessee Master Loggers Council, Tennessee County Commissioners Association, Tennessee Road Superintendent Association, Tennessee Audubon Council, Association of Consulting Foresters, Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association, Rural Volunteer Firefighters Association, Citizens for Common Sense, Dogwood Alliance and the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association. The Governor shall also appoint to the Advisory Panel a voting member who is a representative of the chip mill industry and a non-voting member from the Tennessee Forestry Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each organization shall submit to the Governor the names of three candidates from each organization's membership for appointment to the Advisory Panel and the Governor shall appoint one of the nominees from each organization to serve as the organization's representative on the Advisory Panel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make three (3) appointments to the Advisory Panel: two (2) members of the House and one (1) non-legislative, at-large member. The Speaker of the Senate shall likewise make three (3) appointments to the Advisory Panel: two (2)

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members of the Senate and one (1) non-legislative, at-large member. All four (4) legislative members appointed by the respective Speakers shall be non-voting members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to the extent possible, the Advisory Panel shall conduct business in such a fashion so as not to incur costs that might prohibit membership and participation by any participating organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor shall appoint a chair of the Advisory Panel to conduct meetings, coordinate activities and to periodically report progress and accomplishments of the Advisory Panel to the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Tennessee Forestry Commission, and the Chairmen of the House Agriculture and House Conservation and Environment Committees, as well as the Chairmen of the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism and Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committees. The chair shall vote only in the event of a tie vote among the voting members of the Advisory Panel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chair of the Advisory Panel shall utilize appropriate group facilitation techniques to promote objective discussion with an aim toward achieving consensus where possible, and that upon notification of Advisory Panel member appointments, the chair shall convene an organizational meeting of the Advisory Panel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That before a recommendation is adopted, it shall be approved by a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Advisory Panel,

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and that a minority position on any recommendation may be included as part of the report if approved by at least eight (8) of the voting members of the Advisory Panel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff with the Department of Agriculture, as lead department, and with the Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide appropriate staff support to assist with the information management, report preparation, and administrative services as may be needed by the Advisory Panel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries shall provide staff support as may be necessary to assist the Advisory Panel with technical analysis, issue assessment and evaluation of data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall specifically evaluate and suggest policies and practices on forest resource management objectives and priorities of the State Forest System, principles and guidelines for management of the State Forest System, policies for forest resource management practices and objectives, as well as programs and services to all forest landowners that promote sustainable forestry, and alternative funding strategies to accomplish sustainable forest management; and that in its evaluations and deliberations the Advisory Panel shall seek and utilize authoritative, scientific and factual data to substantiate all findings and recommendations.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall submit its final findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Tennessee Forestry Commission, with copies to the Chairmen of the House Agriculture and House Conservation and Environment Committees, as well as the Chairmen of the State Environment, Conservation and Tourism and Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committees no later than March 1, 1998; provided, however, that such deadline may be extended to no later than January 15, 1999, if requested by the Advisory Panel. The Forestry Commission shall submit its response to the Advisory Panel's final report with recommendations of the Commission to the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Governor, and respective Committees of the General Assembly no later than March 15, 1998, or no later than fifteen (15) days after the Advisory Panel makes its final report to the General Assembly, if the Advisory Panel's reporting deadline is extended.

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